(i) State Government should accord priority to identification of the school-going children of scavengers.

(ii) Children of Safai Karamcharis generally remain deprived of quality education, therefore municipal corporations should run schools for such children.

(iii) The rate of scholarship to the children of Safai Karamcharis should be increased.

(iv) Adequate promotional avenues ensuring at least three vertical promotions be created based on experience, technical or other qualifications of Safai Karamcharis.

(v) All local bodies should provide primary, secondary and tertiary medical facilities to Safai Karamcharis and their families, with in-built mechanism for quarterly check up, and adequate insurance cover.

(vi) Safai Karamcharis should be provided additional allowances equal to 10% of their basic pay as risk allowance to compensate them for the risk they are constantly exposed to.

Beneficial schemes launched during eleventh plan

†3186. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many beneficial schemes have been announced in the interest of hearing impaired people of the country in Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for making no mention of announcements made in Eleventh Five Year Plan, especially in the interest of deaf people, in 2008-09 and 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) to (c) The Chapter on Social Justice in the Eleventh Five Year Plan document inter alia includes the establishment of Sign Language Research and Training Centre, National Captioning Centre, one residential special school upto class 12th and one Degree college for the deaf in every zone. Implementation of these programmes is subject to availability of adequate budgetary resources.

Discovery of new planets

3187. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that 32 planets have been found outside solar system, thereby increasing the number of planets discovered outside the solar system to more than 400;

(b) if so, whether it would further give a supporting evidence to the theory that the universe has many places where life could develop; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether we would include further pursuance of this syndrome in our forthcoming space projects as India is now being a recognizable 'Space Exploration' entity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that more than 32 planets have been discovered outside the solar system.

(b) Though the number of extra solar planets discovered is more than 32, most of them do not have the temperature and environment conducive for possible existence of any form of life.

(c) Currently, ISRO has technological difficulty to pursue this activity from space platform. However, ground-based observations for the search of extra solar planets are being planned at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.

Launching of Oceansat-2

3188. SARDAR TARLOCHAN SINGH:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched Oceansat-2, an ISRO built 960 kg satellite with six nation's satellite on September 23, 2009 which is expected to bring down the annual fuel bill of each mechanized fishing boat across the country; and

(b) if so, the details and salient features of the Oceansat-2 launch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched Oceansat-2 - a 960 kg satellite built by ISRO along with six other small satellites from Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey, on September 23, 2009. The Oceansat-2 will facilitate identification of Potential Fishing Zones and enable fishermen to reduce the search time, thus bringing down their annual fuel bill.

(b) The Oceansat-2 was launched on September 23, 2009, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, by the 16th flight of the ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). The performance of the launch vehicle was normal and the satellite was successfully injected into its intended polar sun-synchronous orbit of 720 km altitude. Following the injection of the Oceansat-2, the six other small satellites of other countries were also injected smoothly into their intended orbits.

Advance technology for Chandrayaans

3189. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether future "Chandrayaans" would be designed on advanced technological developments taking place all around the globe;